Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at:

[redacted] Wainwright St. Waveland, MS 39576

We are now living at:

Address: Lot [redacted] Buccaneer State Park

City Waveland State MS Zipcode 39576

Phone No. [redacted]

Our family consists of:

Myself, Ricky [redacted], My wife, Liz [redacted], and my two children, JoLinda (25 year old schoolteacher) and Zach (10 yrs)

Our Katrina experience was:

My wife, daughter and son evacuated to Pearl, MS. I myself stayed because I am a city alderman. I stayed in constant contact with my family the night before the storm through the early morning hours. I was later to learn that the hotel where my family stayed in North, MS Blew →

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:

My son asked for a computer. He and his sister both lost theirs in the hurricane. We were going to try to buy a second hand one, but around here every one lost theirs also. If you could locate a second hand one in

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

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off during the storm. In the meantime, I was in more serious trouble than they were. I was talking with my wife when all of a sudden the whole house starting shaking and the phone (cell) went dead. I heard something crash and saw that a window had been blown out in front of my house. A little while later (8:30 AM or so) I heard a roar, looked out my window and saw what looked like white water rapids. I figured I better get out while I could; I opened the door a little and was slammed backwards. I tried to swim out but the current was very strong. I had to work my way to the fence and pulled my self two doors down to my brother-in-laws boat, where I met my neighbors son. Between us two we pulled the boat across the road to his house to help his Mom, stepdad, two six year old girls, two pregnant women + their husbands. After we were all safe in the boat we tied it to their house column. A few minutes later I heard my two dogs barking in my back yard so I had to jump back out and find my Golden retreiver (River) in a tree and my black lab (Stormy) stuck in the fence + almost drowned I was able to save both and spent the remainder of the storm in the boat. I only got 4 ft where I live, but was later to learn a friend of mine, Police officer, Glen [redacted] who had stayed at my house briefly the night

Waveland Alderman
Ricky [redacted]

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your community that you believe to be a good one, could you give our phone number to them so we could perchase it for JoLinda and Zach to share. The only other thing he asked for (Zach) is a movie for his PSP game, he received from a friend of our family for his birthday. He asked for star wars. Thank you so much for all your Kindness.

God Bless You
Ricky [redacted]

My daughter, JoLinda asked for the new WOW christian C-D. Thanks

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before the storm, spent his time during the storm~~ing~~ hanging in the top of a tree near the Waveland P.D. When the water went down there were fish from the Gulf in our street and Ditches. I am probably about 1½ miles away from our Gulf. I didn't get in touch with my family for three days after. Since then we've been surviving with the help of Volunteers all over the U.S. who come here to help feed us, clothe us and give us hope that one day we will have our lives back to normal.